GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:102
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2000
THEFT OF LUGGAGE
RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether theft of luggage is being committed in trains and at various Railway Stations very frequently:

(b) if so, the details thereof and the compensation paid during each of the last two years, zone-wise;

(c) the number of railway officials against whom action has been taken in this regard zone-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/to be taken to prevent such type of crimes in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION No.102 BY SHRI RAM TA CHAUDHARY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 2-3-2000 REGARDING THEFT OF LUGGAGE.

(a)Yes Sir. However, "Policing" being a State subject, the safety and security of passengers and their belongings in the running trains and railway premises is the Constitutional responsibility of the State Government concerned which they discharge through their Government Railway Police (GRP).The cases of crimes on railways are reported to, registered and investigated by the Government Railway Police (GRP).

(b)The information as collected through the Chief Security Commissioners/Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Zonal Railways from the concerned GRP authorities is given in the Appendix. No compensation is paid on theft of luggage in passenger's charge whether at Station or on Train. However, Railway officials supplement the efforts of GRP in recovery of stolen personal luggage of passengers; and in many cases such stolen items have been restored to their rightful owners.

(c)Although the responsibility for prevention and detection of theft of luggage personally carried by passengers, is that of State Government concerned, action is initiated against Railway Officials concerned whenever specific charges of dereliction of duty in such cases are brought against them, keeping in view the overall interest of safety and security of passengers. The details of such action initiated is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d)In addition to various measure being taken by the GRP to improve the safety and security of the passengers, the Railway administration is taking the following steps to assist GRP :-

1.A meeting of Chief Secretaries and Director General of States was convened recently by Minister for Railways. A high level joint Committee of Railways and State Government Officials has been set up to suggest ways and means to improve effectiveness of GRP and RPF in preventing crimes in trains and Railway premises.

2.Anti-social elements are being removed from Railway premises and trains by RPF.

3.Proper watch is being kept by Coach Attendants/TTEs on the passengers entering/detraining from the coaches and the coaches are property locked during their run especially in night hours.

4.FIR forms are made available with the Train Guards/Stations Masters/RPF to facilitate the travelling public to lodge their reports immediately.

5.Sharing of Special Intelligence and Crime Intelligence between RPF and GRP is being done at all levels. 6.Announcement through Public Address system and CCTV at important Railway Stations to alert the travelling passengers against theft of their belongings etc.

7RPF Assistance posts are provided at important stations to assist passengers in lodging FIRs with Government Railway Police etc.

8.Periodic High Levelco-ordination Meetings with Government Railway Police and Local Police are being conducted to analyse the crime position on Railways with a view to take suitable preventive measures

9.Wherever the State Government wants to establish mobile post in the running trains,necessary facilities like accommodation etc. are being provided.

Appendix -`A`
STATEMENT SHOWING THE CASES OF THEFT OF PASSENGERS` BELONGINGS IN RUNNING TRAINS AND IN R/ PREMISES OVER INDIAN RAILWAYS DURING THE CALENDER YEAR 1998 AND 1999

(RAILWAY ZONE WISE)

RAILWAYS	No. of cases during the period	
	1998	1999
CENTRAL	1633	1964
EASTERN	961	1302
NORTHERN	4367	3266
NORTH EASTERN	122	186
NORTHEAST FRONTIER	113	117
SOUTHERN	487	303
SOUTH CENTRAL	661	676
SOUTH EASTERN	965	786
WESTERN	3570	1462
TOTAL	12879	12978